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MEGAFLOAT COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

"THE SEAM"
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Phase 3. The Seam
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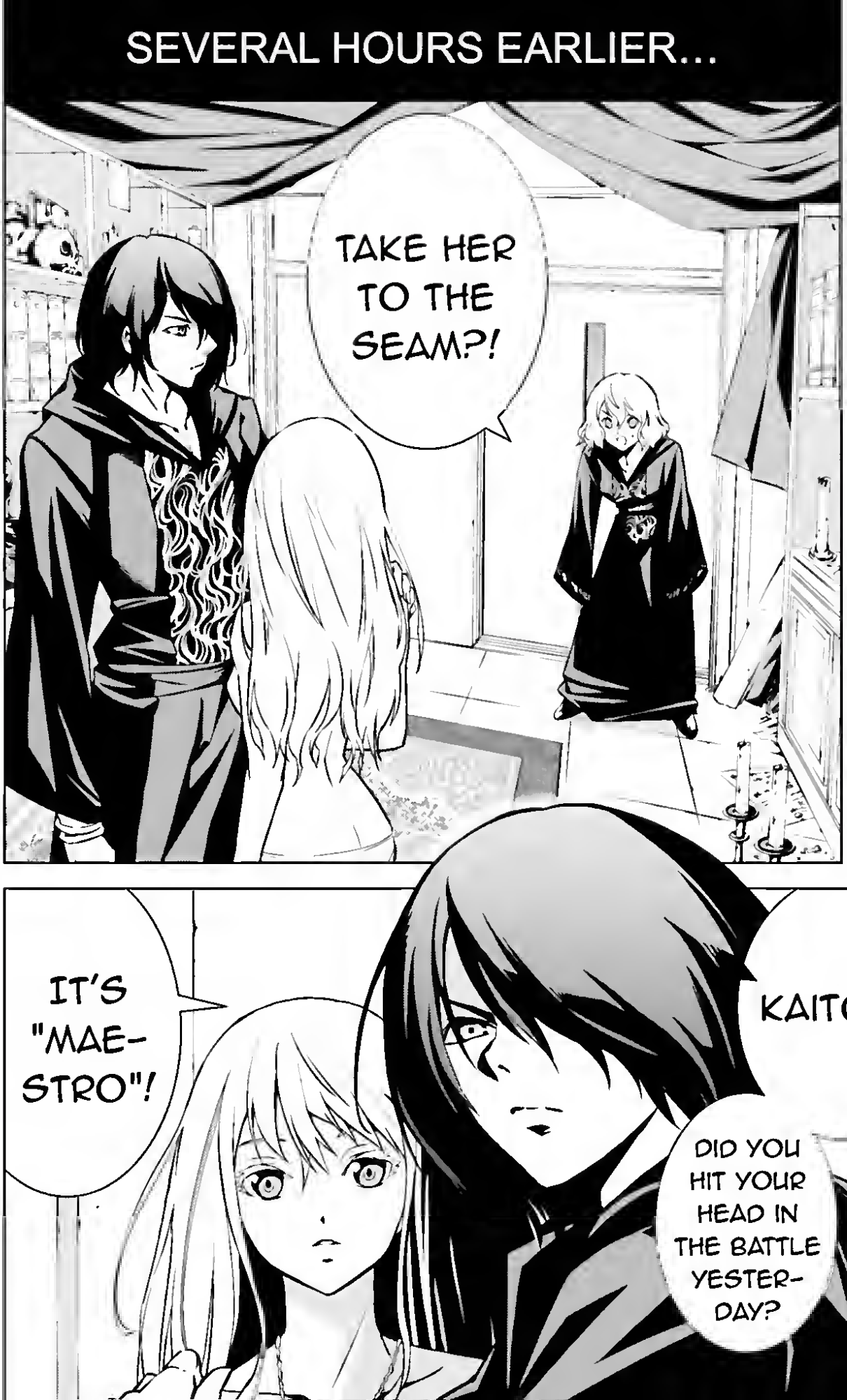
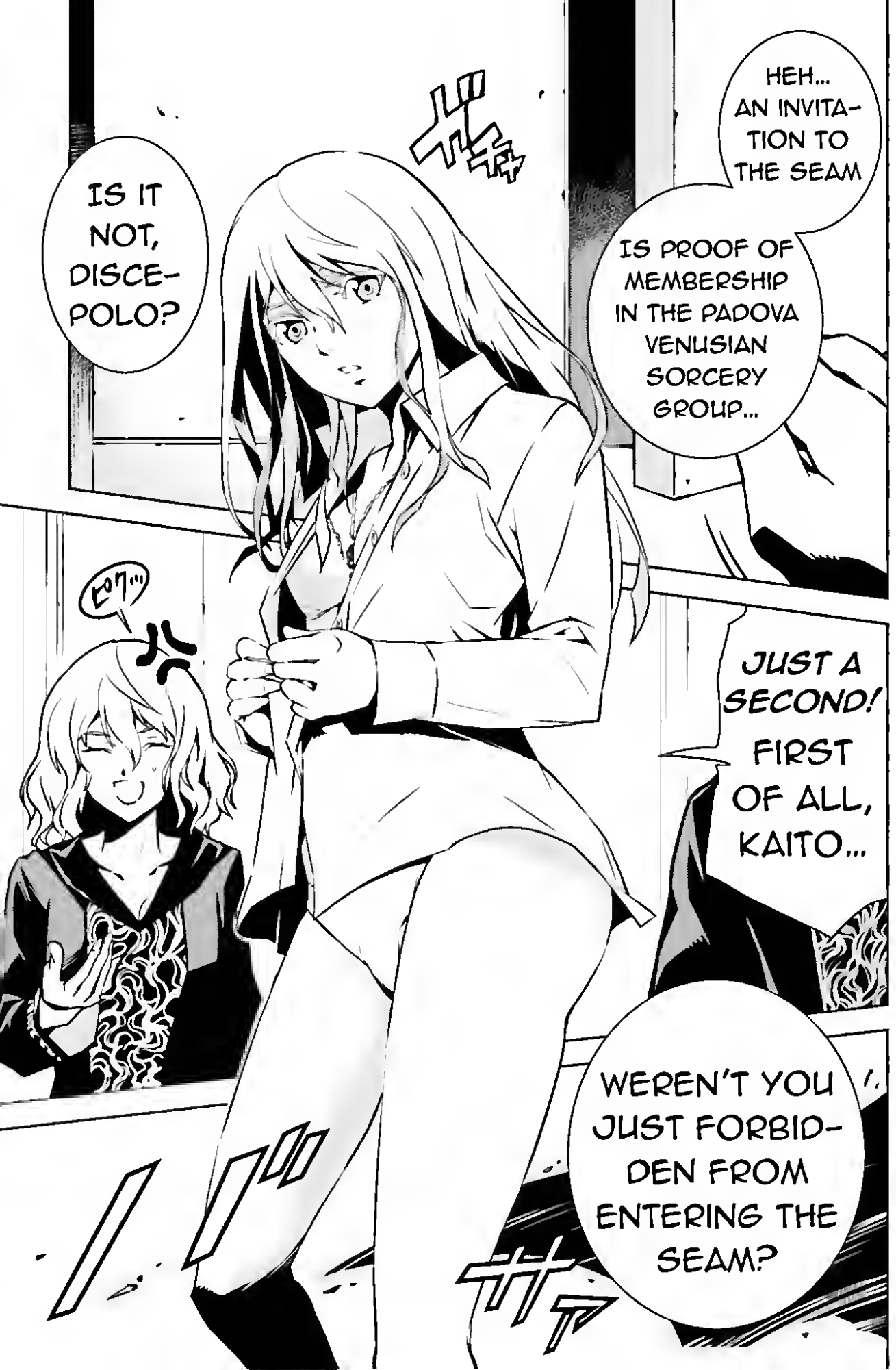
PTOLEMY'S SINGULARITY


SEVERAL HOURS EARLIER...
TAKE HER TO THE SEAM?!
KAITO...
DID YOU HIT YOUR HEAD IN THE BATTLE YESTER-DAY?
IT'S "MAE-STRO"!


HEH... AN INVITATION TO THE SEAM
IS PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE PADOVA VENUSIAN SORCERY GROUP...
IS IT NOT, DISCE-POLO?
HM?
JUST A SECOND!
FIRST OF ALL, KAITO...
WEREN'T YOU JUST FORBID-DEN FROM ENTERING THE SEAM?

...REGARD-LESS!
I MUST RETURN TO LAST NIGHT'S SEAM...
AHAHA... HA... THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!
IF THE GUILD FINDS OUT, THEY'LL KICK YOU OUT FOR REAL THIS TIME!
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WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A HURRY, ANYWAY?!
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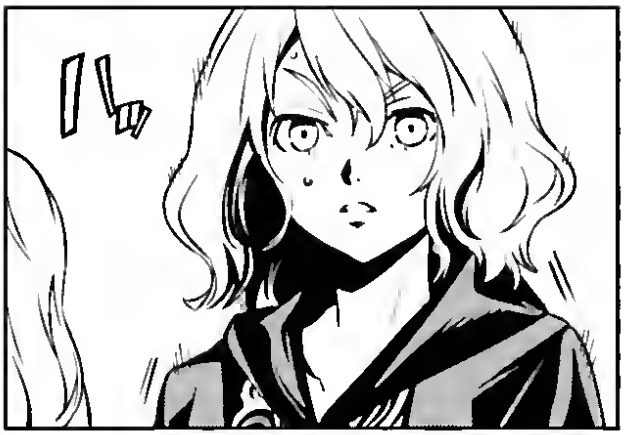
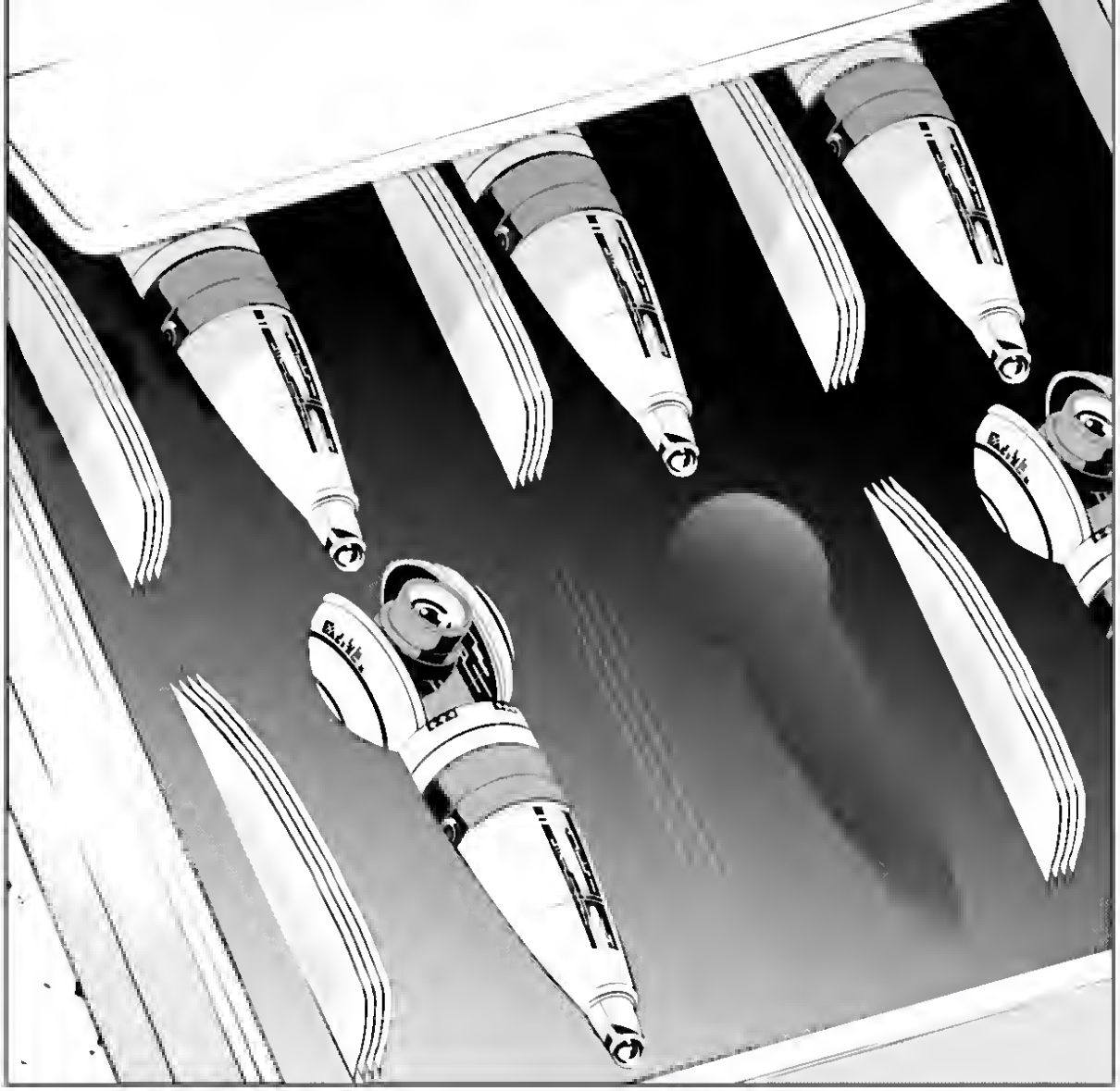
I LOST ONE...
HUH?



...IT'S THERE IN YOUR COAT...

...I SEE.
DID YOU FIND SOME-THING?
YES! I MEAN, NO!!

SHOW ME THAT, TOO!



KAITO!! YOU DIDN'T RETRIEVE THEM ALL?!
...WHAT DID YOU EXPECT, WITH ALL THAT COMMOTION?

ONE OF THE HOLO-PROJECTORS IS MISSING!
HOLO-PROJEC-TORS?

SO YOU FORGOT A PRECIOUS MAGIC ITEM,
AND NOW YOU WANT TO GO BACK FOR IT WITHOUT THE GUILD'S PERMISSION?! YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!!

HEH... CALM YOURSELF.

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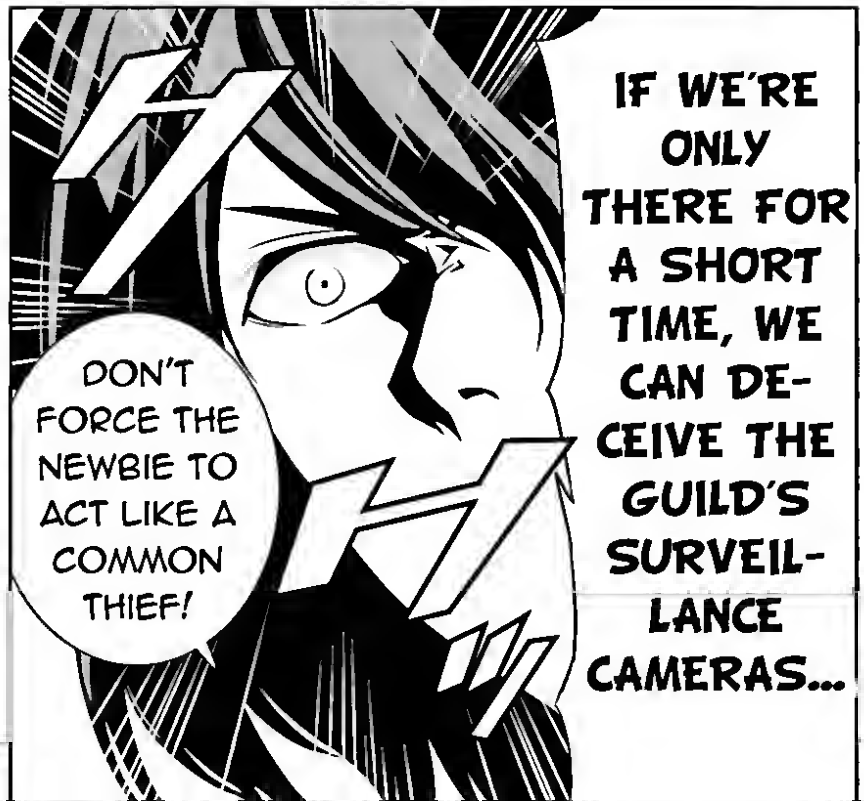
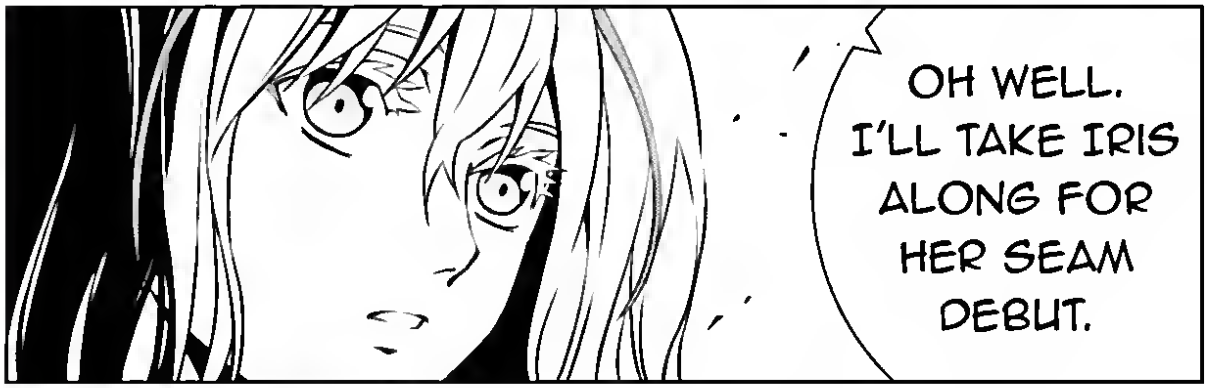
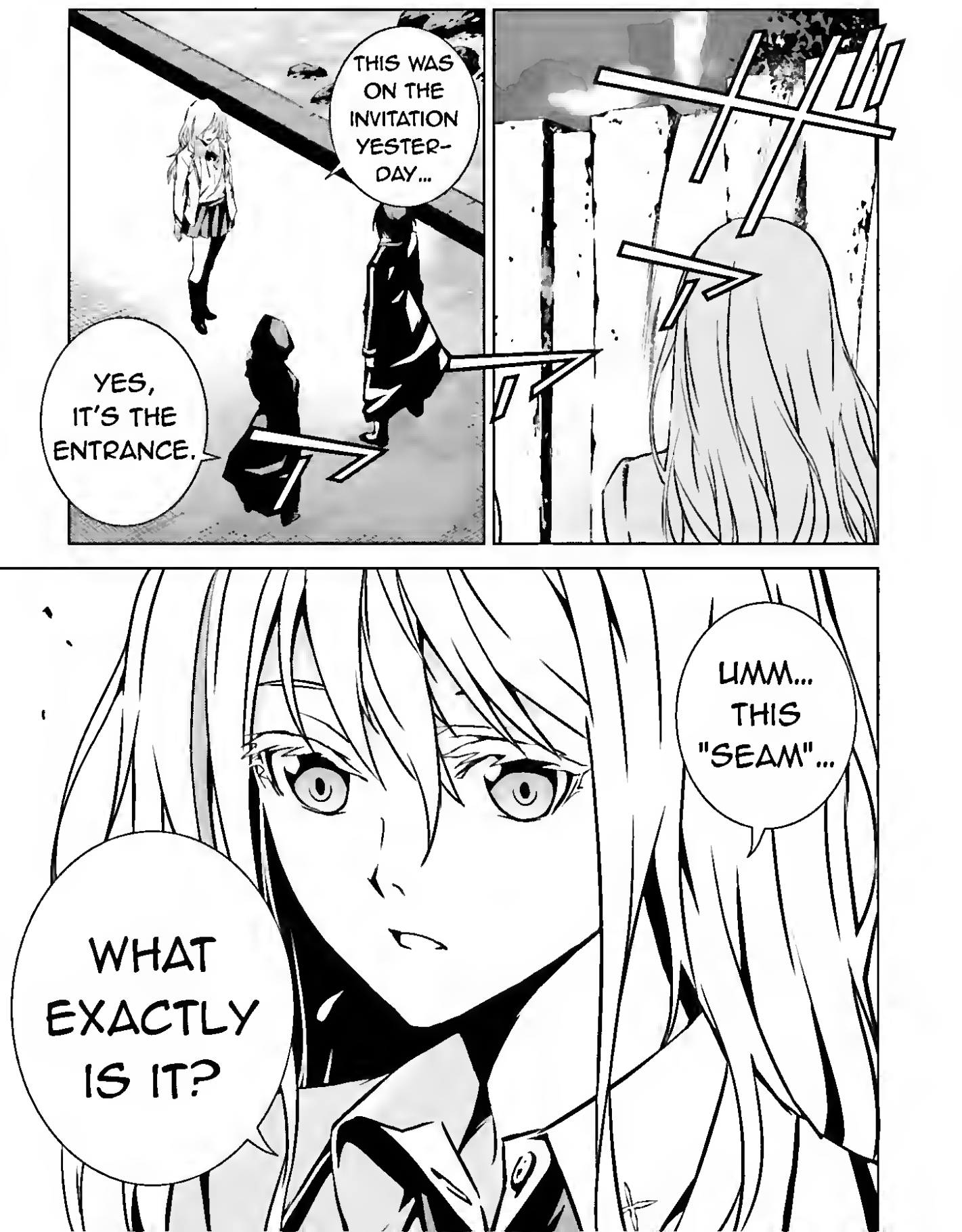
ALRIGHT.


DON'T FORCE THE NEWBIE TO ACT LIKE A COMMON THIEF!
IF WE'RE ONLY THERE FOR A SHORT TIME, WE CAN DECEIVE THE GUILD'S SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS...

I'LL SEND A REQUEST TO THE BARRO!
GEEZ... AND I'D BEEN SAVING IT TO TEST OUT THE NEW COSTUME.


OH WELL. I'LL TAKE IRIS ALONG FOR HER SEAM DEBUT.

AS NINTH,
MEMBER OF THE TWELVE WISEMEN.


THIS WAS ON THE INVITATION YESTER-DAY...
YES, IT'S THE ENTRANCE.
UMM... THIS "SEAM"...
WHAT EXACTLY IS IT?

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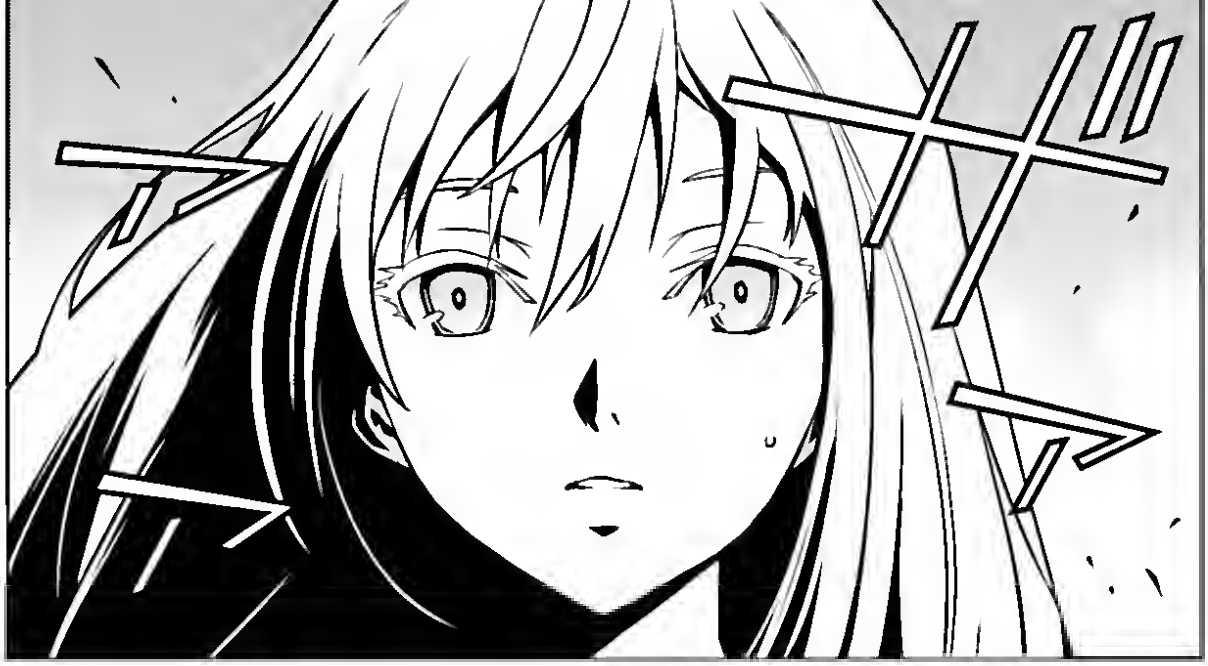
YOU'LL SEE SOON ENOUGH. LET'S GO!
ALRIGHT, IRIS, IF YOU REALLY FEEL LIKE JOINING, THEN GO ON AHEAD.
DISCE-POLO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHAT'S THE POINT IN TRYING TO BE SNEAKY IF THE GUY WHO'S BEEN BANNED GOES IN FIRST?
I FORGOT YOUR STORY.
OOPS... OH YEAH.

IF YOU WOULD CARE TO STEP FORWARD.
PRINCESS.

IS THIS...
MAGIC... TOO?



REQUEST MONITOR-ING...

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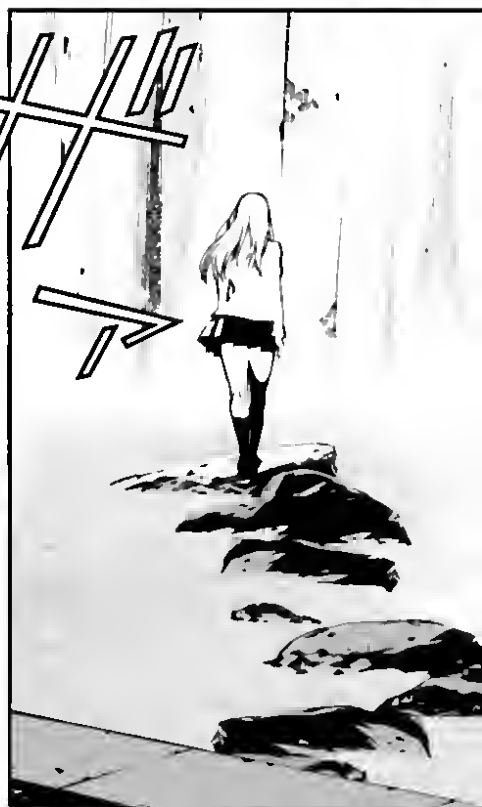
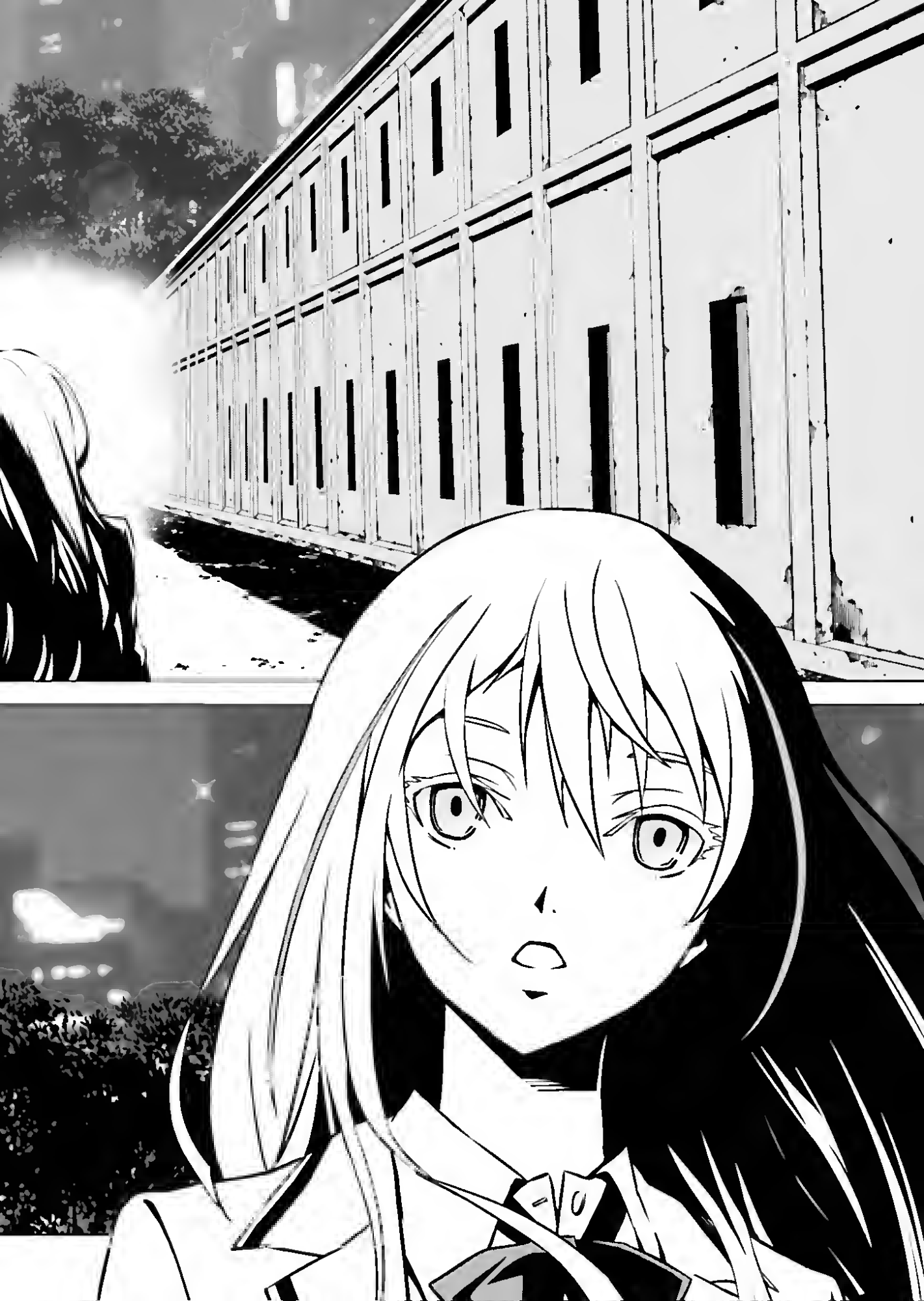
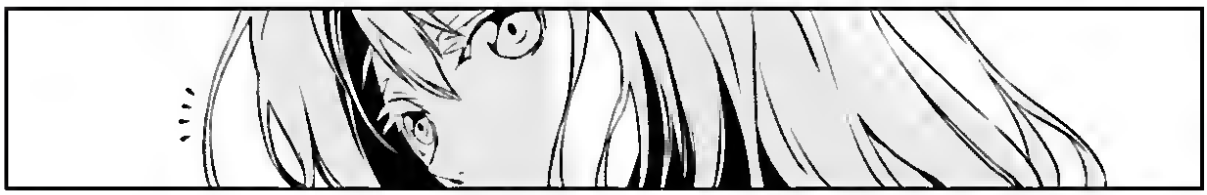


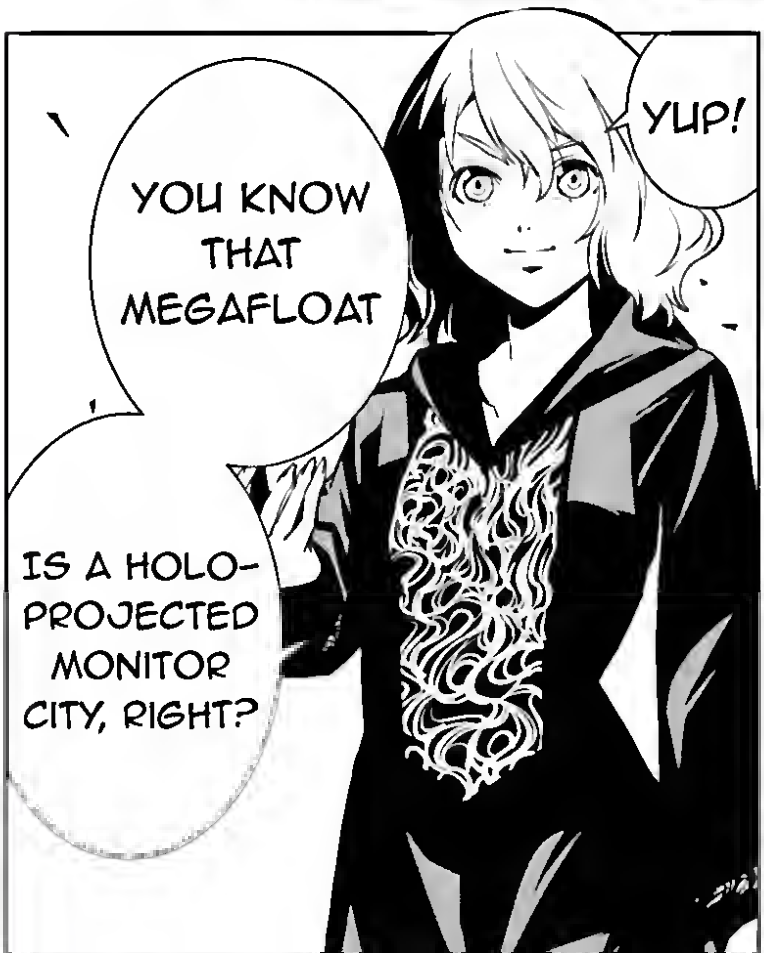
...THERE REALLY ISN'T ANY WATER THERE.

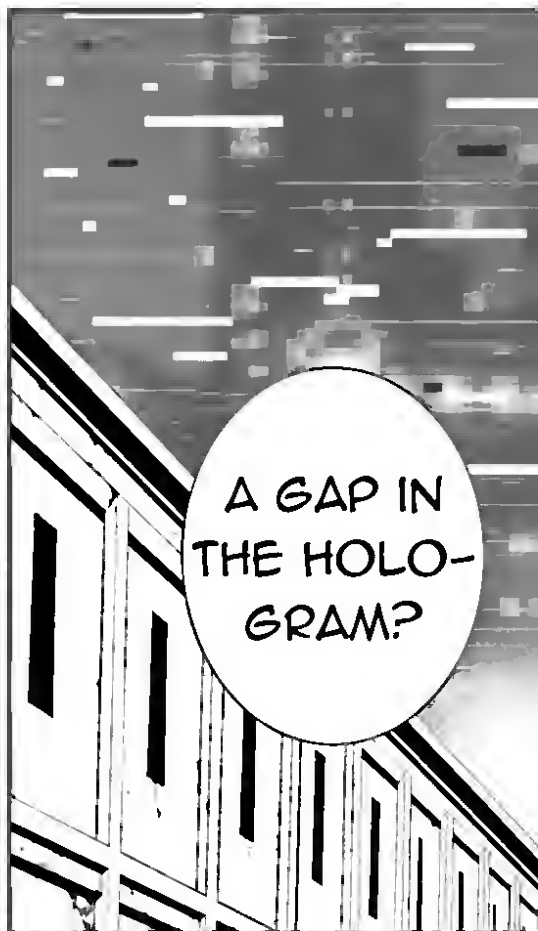


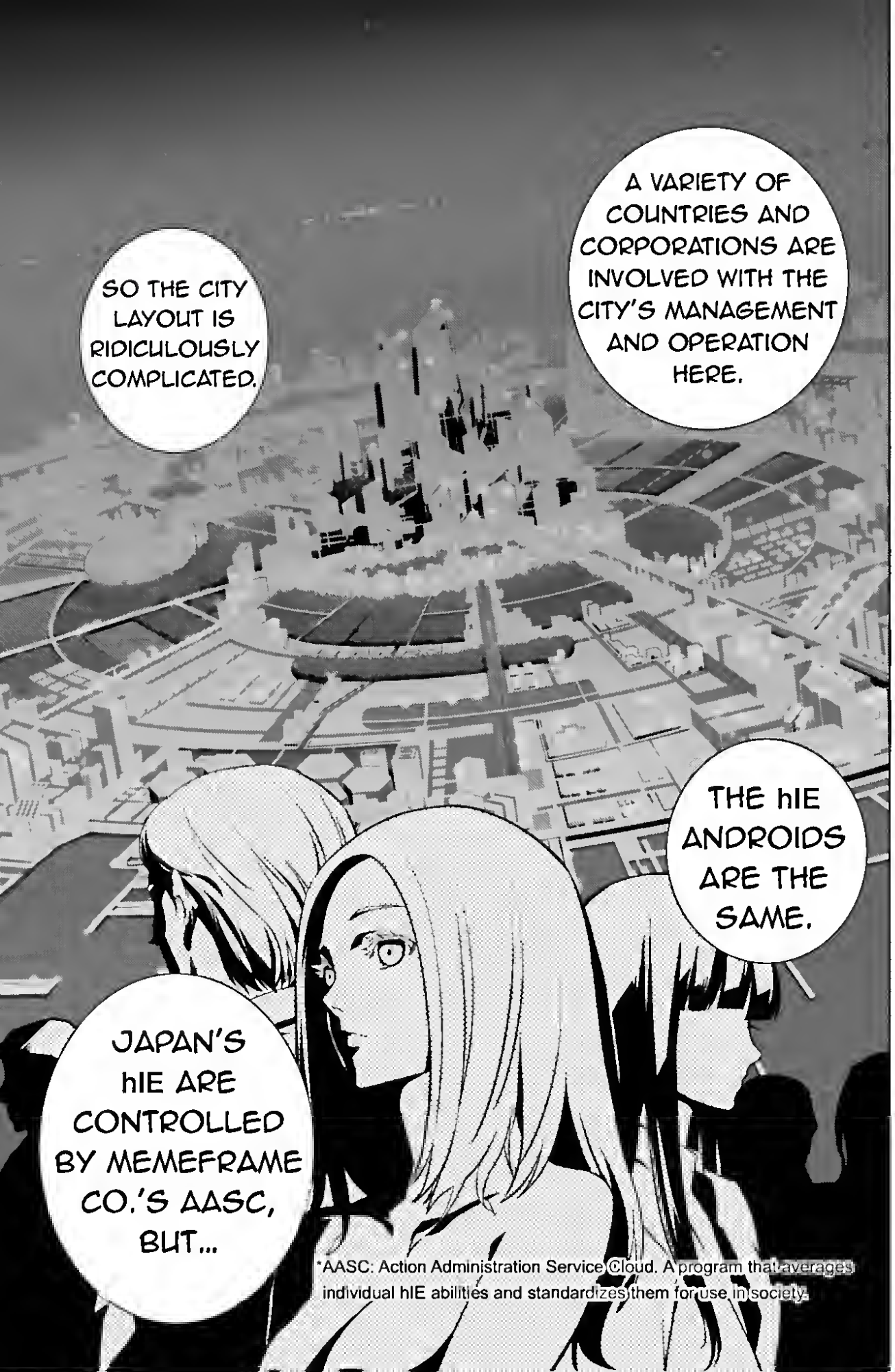
IT'S MY SECOND TIME, BUT IT'S STILL SO STRANGE...
THIS IS... THE SEAM?
THAT'S RIGHT.

THIS IS A GAP IN THE HOLOGRAM COVERING THE CITY.
THE SEAM.




YUP!
YOU KNOW THAT MEGAFLOAT IS A HOLO-PROJECTED MONITOR CITY, RIGHT?


A GAP IN THE HOLO-GRAM?


SO THE CITY LAYOUT IS RIDICULOUSLY COMPLICATED.
A VARIETY OF COUNTRIES AND CORPORATIONS ARE INVOLVED WITH THE CITY'S MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION HERE.
THE hIE ANDROIDS ARE THE SAME.
JAPAN'S hIE ARE CONTROLLED BY MEMEFRAME CO.'S AASC, BUT...

*AASC: Action Administration Service Cloud. A program that averages individual hIE abilities and standardizes them for use in society.

ONLY MEGA-FLOAT'S hIE...
ARE OPERATED BY AN INDE-PENDENT AASC.
BUT I'VE GOTTEN OFF-TOPIC.
ANYWAY, THE WHOLE SYSTEM IS JUST SO COM-PLICATED...
THAT THERE ARE PLACES AROUND TOWN WHERE THERE'S A DISCON-NECT BETWEEN THE HOLOGRAMS AND THE ACTUAL TO-POGRAPHY.

LIKE THIS.
IN OTHER WORDS, THERE ARE PLACES THAT DON'T SHOW UP ON THE MAP.
WE CALL THESE BLANK SPACES
"THE SEAM."
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HMPH.

CREATED BY ADULTS' PLOTS AND HIGH-LEVEL AI.
ANYWAY, IT'S NOTH-ING MORE
THAN AN IMAGINARY PARADISE

UNLESS WE MAKE THAT CLEAR, WE'RE DOING NOTHING MORE THAN CLOWNING AROUND...
THIS SECRET PLAYGROUND WE'VE BEEN GIVEN IS OUR REASON FOR EXISTENCE.

URGH...
YOU FREA- KIN' KID!!
STOP TRYING TO SOUND COOL AND START SEARCHING!

IT'S MAESTRO!

WHAT ARE THESE GLOWING EYES THAT SEEM TO BE WATCHING KAITO AND THE OTHERS...?